MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What are the special reasons for imposing that restriction upon this class of public servants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Cheif Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has reported that, for the work of nursing, it is very desirable that the nurses should not have entered into matrimony.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Has the Government accepted the principle?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. That is only so far as the work of nursing is concerned.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the special reason for such hostility towards matrimony so far as nurses alone are concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have said that the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has recommended it and that the Government have accepted the recommendation.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that to keep girls unmarried is generally believed to be socially improper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order, Sir, whether that arises as a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It is out of order because it asks for an expression of opinion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): My question was: are not the Government aware that to keep girls unmarried in the houses is generally considered to be socially improper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I accept the information furnished by the member.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that not even two out of a hundred women between twenty and thirty years of age amongst Hindus remain un married?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Census Report has to be refered to.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I hav referred to it.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But I have not referred to it.

House Searches.

30. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many house searches were conducted by the Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of the Excise Department without warrants from Magistrates during the year 1100?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 319 and 466 respectively.

Amount of Tolls levied from the Municipal Markets in Trivandrum during 1095-1100.

31. MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of tolls realised from the Trivandrum Municipal markets during the past six years (1095-1100)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

Compounding of Toll on Fish.

32. MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): If the Government or the Trivandrum Municipality cannot give up the toll on fish sold in markets, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Municipality to cease to collect tolls from each fish-woman and to receive, as compensation, a reasonable amount annually from the church authorities as prayed for by the priests and parishioners in their letter of the 15th March 1926, and to introduce this system from the commencement of 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Representation of a Member from the Coastal Regions on the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

33. MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there is no member representing the Trivandrum coast-people on the Trivandrum Municipal Council?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to make it a principle to nominate at least one member from among the Trivandrum coast-people to the Trivandrum Municipal Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The coastal regions within the Municipal limits form part of the Pettah D. ward and one elected councillor represents the same on the Council.

(*b*) The Government regret they are unable to give the assurance required by the member.

Karuppattikada Market in Chalai.

34. MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the Karuppattikada market is the most frequented and largely used market in Trivandrum town, and that it is now held on a rented site and kept in a very insanitary condition?

(*b*) Are not all sorts of foodstuffs—fish, meat and vegetables—sold there?

(*c*) Has any citizen ever complained to the Municipality about the insanitary condition of the market?

(*d*) What action has the Municipal Council taken on the representation made by a deputation of the citizens that waited on the Municipal Council on the 14th Makaram, 1101?

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 46.

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